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1. PROPOSED SOVIET DRAFT DECLARATION ON USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS STRIKES US AS BEING UNWISE EFFORT TO RAM THROUGH AT LAST MINUTE A DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED TO ENSURE THAT SOMETIMES DISPARATE ATTITUDES AND EMPHASES OF UN MEMBERS ARE HONESTLY NEGOTIATED AND THEN FAITHFULLY REFLECTED IN FINAL DOCUMENT. AS SOVIET DRAFT NOW STANDS, IT IS ONE-SIDED DOCUMENT WHICH UNDERSCORES SOVIET CONCERN OVER THE IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT LARGELY IGNORES CONCERN OF USG AND OTHERS OVER IMPACT ON
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CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL HUMAN FREEDOMS.

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MOREOVER, AN OBVIOUS MARXIST PROPAGANDA PHRASE SUCH AS "INTENSIFIED EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKING MASSES" (OPERATIVE PARA 4) HARDLY MAKES FOR BALANCED DECLARATION. OUR PREFERRED COURSE, THEREFORE, WOULD BE TO REFER DECLARATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY NEEDED AND WOULD BE IN LINE WITH PAST RESOLUTIONS OF HRC ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. IF REFERRAL TO HRC NOT POSSIBLE AND DECLARATION COMES

TO VOTE, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS AND SEEK MODIFICATIONS ACCORDINGLY:

(A) PREAMBULAR PARA 3 REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THAT CONTAINED IN REF B, WHICH WAS POLEMICAL AND CONTENTIOUS IN TONE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE DECLARATION WOULD BE BETTER BALANCED AND GREATLY STRENGTH-ENED BY ADDITION OF FOLLOWING PARA BETWEEN PRESENT PREAMBULAR PARAS 3 AND 4:

"NOTING ALSO WITH CONCERN THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGIC-AL ACHIEVEMENTS CAN ENTAIL DANGERS FOR THE CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF THE GROUP AND FOR HUMAN DIGNITY,"

(B) AMEND OPERATIVE PARA 4 TO DELETE "FROM OTHER POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOP-MENTS, INCLUDING THE INTENSIFIED EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKING MASSES " ON GROUNDS THAT PREVENTION OF SOCIAL AND MATERIAL INEQUALITY SHOULD BENEFIT ALL PEOPLE. ADD TO OPERATIVE PARA 4 FOLLOWING PHRASE AFTER"TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ALSO" "TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF THE GROUP, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO RESPECT FOR PRIVACY AND THE PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY AND ITS PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY,"

3. WITH THESE AMENDMENTS, YOU AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT DECLARATION. IF AMENDMENT UNSUCCESSFUL YOU SHOULD ASK FOR VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 4 AND VOTE NO, BUT YOU MAY SUPPORT DECLARATION WITH EXPLANATION OF ONE-SIDEDNESS
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